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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 490

## **Introduced by Assembly Member Hancock**

February 20, 2007

An act to repeal and add Section 24908 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to transportation.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 490, as amended, Hancock. Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District: compensation of directors.

Existing law creates the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District to provide public transit services in portions of Alameda County and Contra Costa County. Existing law provides for the district to be governed by an elected board of directors, and authorizes the board to establish the compensation of directors at \$100 for each attendance at meetings of the board and for each day the director is engaged in authorized district business, not to exceed \$500 in any calendar month, plus necessary traveling and personal expenses incurred in the performance of district business authorized by the board. Existing law also imposes certain restrictions on the claims of local officials for reimbursement.

This bill would repeal—these the provisions relating to the compensation of directors and instead provide that the board may, by ordinance or resolution, provide that each director shall be paid not more than \$1,000 per calendar month in lieu of per meeting compensation, subject to various deductions and adjustments for directors not attending all scheduled and noticed—regular board or committee meetings, as specified. The bill would also provide for

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payment of necessary traveling and personal expenses incurred solely as a result of performance of duties by a director, in amounts as authorized by the board, subject to the restrictions imposed on the claims of local officials for reimbursement.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 24908 of the Public Utilities Code is 2 repealed.
- 3 SEC. 2. Section 24908 is added to the Public Utilities Code, 4 to read:
- 5 24908. (a) The board, may, by ordinance or resolution, provide that each director shall be paid a sum that shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each calendar month that he or she 8 serves as a director. The board may, by ordinance or resolution, provide for an adjustment to the monthly compensation based upon 10 an appropriate inflationary indicator designated in the ordinance or resolution that is applicable to the region served by the district. 11 12 The adjustment shall not become effective until the next regular 13 election of the directors following the adoption of the ordinance 14 or resolution.
  - (b) The ordinance or resolution to authorize a monthly stipend pursuant to subdivision (a), in lieu of per-meeting compensation, shall include a requirement that a director-can may receive a monthly stipend for a given month only if he or she attends all scheduled and noticed regular board meetings for that month. For those directors meeting this attendance requirement, the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) shall be deducted from the stipend for failure to attend each meeting of a committee on which he or she serves that month. In any month that a director fails to meet these attendance requirements, that director may be compensated at the rate of one hundred dollars (\$100) per board or committee meeting attended, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) for that month.
  - (c) For the purpose of this section, a director who misses a scheduled and noticed meeting of the board or committee while attending to official district business pursuant to authorization shall be deemed to have attended the meeting.

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(d) The ordinance or resolution may provide for not more than two excused absences during a calendar year without disqualifying the director for a monthly stipend.

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(e) In addition to the compensation otherwise provided in this section, each director may be allowed necessary traveling and personal expenses incurred solely as a result of the performance of his or her duties, in amounts as may be authorized by the board. Reimbursement for these expenses is subject to Sections 53232.2 and 53232.3 of the Government Code.